CONTENT STANDARD 1: Economics

Students will understand the link between technology and the economy, and recognize that link as the force behind societal emergence and evolution.

K-12 PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Educational experiences in Grades K-4 will assure that students:

- define business and industry; and
- describe business and industry as producers of products or services.

Educational experiences in **Grades 5-8** will assure that students:

- describe how societies are organized to produce and distribute goods and services in a structured manner;
- describe how society uses resources and distributes its goods and services;
- describe how a business produces profit;
- describe the major economic and political systems in relation to technological activity;
- identify three types of businesses;
- describe free enterprise;
- discuss the global market/ economy and understand its effects on the United States;
- analyze a product for its ability to satisfy consumer demands; and
- develop skills in making wise consumer decisions.

Educational experiences in Grades 9-12 will assure that students:

- identify how the development and production of products and services are dependent on the transformation of available resources;
- identify current global, social and economic trends, and identify their relationship to computer-controlled production;
- describe the evolution of technological enterprise and its influence on the economy, culture, society and environment;
- describe the characteristics of single ownership, corporations, companies and partnerships; and
- compare and contrast ways of financing an enterprise.